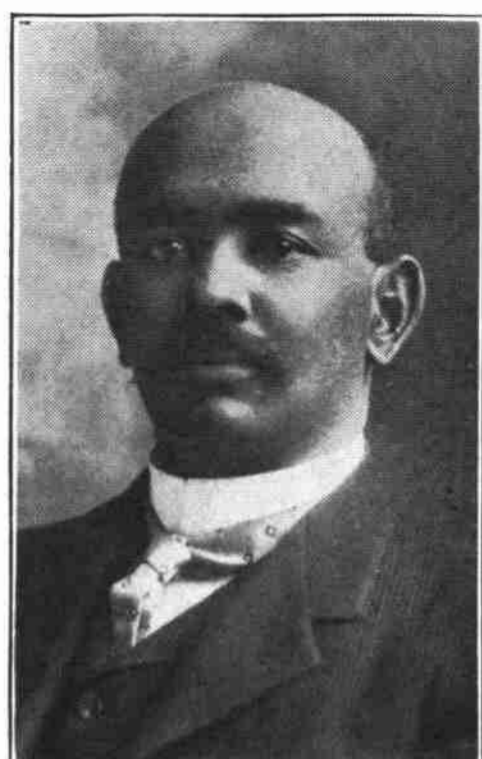


H. D. Kealing

Nashville, Tenn.

MR. KEALING is editor of the *African Methodist Episcopal Review*, the magazine of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and a strong intellectual force.

He was born in Austin, Tex., April 1, 1859, of slave parents.



H. D. Kealing

Educated in the public schools, at Straight University, and Tabor College, Tabor, Ia.

After teaching several months, he was principal of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex., for three years, and then assistant principal of the State Normal School, Prairie View, Tex. He made notable contributions by public speeches at the National Education Association at Topeka, Kan., and by writing to the *New England Journal of Education* and the *Century Magazine*, and other publications.

He organized the Austin, Tex., High School for colored children and was subsequently elected supervisor of all the colored schools of the city, a position created for him.

He returned to Paul Quinn College and served as president from 1892 to 1896, when he was elected editor of the *African Methodist Episcopal Review*, the quarterly magazine of the church. He was the first layman ever elected to such a position by the church. He has been re-elected three times by the General Conference in quadrennial session.

He was founder and twice president of the State Teachers Association of Texas. In 1901, was fraternal delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London, and in 1902 was fraternal delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. At the 1909 National Peace Congress in Chicago, he was the only man of his race on the program.

He has been active in promoting business and industrial enterprises among his people, and has himself made successful investments in real estate, mainly in Texas, Pennsylvania, and Washington (city). Mr. Kealing has given much time to public speaking and lecturing both in this country and in Europe. His lecture, "The American Jonah," is unique and witty.

Dr. A. M. Curtis

Washington, D. C.

DR. AUSTIN M. CURTIS, one of the ablest and most skillful surgeons of his race, was born in Raleigh, N. C., in 1868, one of a family of ten children.

He graduated from the public schools of Raleigh, carrying off the honors. A northern lady teaching in the public schools of Raleigh, became interested and secured for him a scholarship at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. He entered the freshman class in 1884, worked in hotels during the summer months to keep himself in funds during the succeeding school term, and graduated in four years, earning the degree of A.B. Later, Lincoln University conferred upon him the degree of A.M. He entered the Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, graduating in 1891 with honors.



Dr. A. M. Curtis

Dr. Curtis was house surgeon for one year at Provident Hospital, Chicago, and was the first colored physician to be appointed on the staff of the Cook County Hospital of that city, where he served one year as attending surgeon. He served as attending surgeon at Provident Hospital until 1898. That year he was appointed surgeon-in-chief of Freedmen's Hospital at Washington, D. C., the most noted institution of its kind in the country. Here Dr. Curtis made a national reputation. Many of his cases received special notice in surgical literature. He served as surgeon-in-chief at Freedmen's Hospital four years, retiring to engage in private practice.

Dr. Curtis is associate professor of surgery at Howard University, attending surgeon at Freedmen's Hospital, and consulting surgeon, Provident Hospital, Baltimore, and Richmond Hospital, Richmond, Va. He makes frequent trips South to perform surgical operations in various cities.

Dr. Curtis had charge of the medical exhibit of the Negro department of the Jamestown Exposition, where he installed a model hospital, showing the progress of medical science and the latest and most approved ideas in hospital management. Dr. Curtis pays taxes on property in several cities.